

Oil and Gas Registration and Permit by Rule Frequently Asked Questions

For webpage:

Should I modify my permit or register my source and follow the permit by rule for oil and gas wells?

The Division recommends that a source which requires a modification to their approval order (AO) do the following:

- *request to revoke their permit,*
- *register with the Division (R307-505), and*
- *follow the requirements of the rules (R307-506 through R307-510).*

With modification to an existing AO, the requirements will be updated to reflect current BACT, on which the rules were based. Registration is simpler, quicker, and fees are less.

If I keep and maintain my AO, will I be protected from future rules?

It is unknown what rules may apply in the future. If areas of Utah are designated as nonattainment, depending on classification, area sources will be evaluated for Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM), and major sources will be evaluated for Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT). In that case, rules may apply to all sources regardless of possession of an AO.

If I revoke an existing AO and register my source and follow the permit by rule, will I be required to pay a fee?

Yes, fees will apply. However, the fee to revoke an AO and the fee to register your source will often be less than the fees required to modify or update your AO. The fees to revoke and register are one time fees.

If I have an oil and gas well that is active, i.e. has not been shut in, but is not producing, am I required to register it?

Yes, these wells would be considered operational or have the ability to operate and thus be required to register with the Division.

If I perform a well recompletion, will I be required to update or re-register my source?

Sources are only required to update their registration if the company changes its name, controls are removed or added, or the source terminates operations (shut in well).

Does the breakdown rule apply to sources that are registered under the permit by rule? *The breakdown rule (R307-107) will still apply to sources that are in compliance with the permit by rule, rather than an AO. So yes the source is covered.*

Are 'knock out' vessels along pipelines required to register?

No